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1. A portable personal computer, comprising:
 a base having a controller for controlling operations thereof;
 a display attached to said base; and
 a removable wireless input device for communicating with said controller
 in said base through a signal interface when mounted into said base or through a
 wireless connection when removed from said base.

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2. The portable personal computer of claim 1, wherein said base has at
 least one infrared device for receiving infrared signals.

3. The portable personal computer of claim 2, wherein said base has at
 least one infrared device for transmitting infrared signals.

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4. The portable personal computer of claim 1, wherein said base has a
 recess sized to fit said removable wireless input device when said removable
 wireless input device is mounted into said base.

5. The portable personal computer of claim 1, wherein said removable
 wireless input device is a keyboard.

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6. The portable personal computer of claim 5, wherein said removable
 wireless input device includes a pointing device.

7. The portable personal computer of claim 6, wherein said pointing device functions as a computer track ball apparatus.

8. The portable personal computer of claim 6, wherein said pointing device functions as a computer touch pad apparatus.

9. The portable personal computer of claim 1, wherein said signal interface is a hardwired connection.

10. The portable personal computer of claim 1, wherein said signal interface is an infrared connection.

11. The portable personal computer of claim 1, wherein said signal interface is a radio frequency connection.

12. The portable personal computer of claim 1, wherein said removable wireless input device further includes an infrared transducer.

13. The portable personal computer of claim 1, wherein said removable wireless input device has at least one infrared device for at least transmitting infrared signals.

14. The portable personal computer of claim 1, wherein said removable wireless input device has an upper surface and a lower surface, and at least first, second, and third sides perpendicular to said upper and lower surfaces, and at least first and second infrared devices for at least transmitting infrared signals, said first and second infrared devices located on at least two of said first, second, and third sides of said removable wireless input device.

15. The portable personal computer of claim 1, wherein said removable wireless input device includes a radio frequency transmitter and said base includes a radio frequency receiver.

16. The portable personal computer of claim 1, wherein said removable wireless input device has a first mating connector and said base has a second mating connector, wherein said first mating connector and said second mating connector provide a hardwired connection when said removable wireless input device is mounted into said base.

17. The portable personal computer of claim 1, wherein said removable wireless input device has a power supply independent of said base.

18. The portable personal computer of claim 17, wherein said power supply is an external alternating current power adapter.

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19. The portable personal computer of claim 17, wherein said power supply comprises at least one battery.

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20. The portable personal computer of claim 19, wherein said at least one battery is charged by said base when said removable wireless input device is mounted into said base.

21. The portable personal computer of claim 1, further comprising at least one retaining device for securing said removable wireless input device to said base.

22. The portable personal computer of claim 21, wherein said at least one retaining device is a spring ball bearing.

23. The portable personal computer of claim 22, wherein said at least one retaining device includes a tab and a slot, one of said tab and said slot located on one of said removable wireless input device and said base and the other of said tab and said slot located on the other of said removable wireless input device and said base, wherein said tab fits into said slot to secure said removable wireless input device to said base.

24. The portable personal computer of claim 1, further comprising an ejector mechanism for removing said removable wireless input device when said removable wireless input device is mounted in said base.

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25. An input device for a portable personal computer, comprising a removable wireless keyboard capable of being mounted within a base of a portable computer for communicating with said portable computer through a hardwired interlocking connection when mounted within said base, or through a wireless connection when removed from said base.

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26. The input device of claim 25, wherein said removable wireless keyboard has at least one infrared device for at least transmitting infrared signals.

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27. The input device of claim 25, wherein said removable wireless input device has an upper surface and a lower surface, and at least first, second, and third sides perpendicular to said upper and lower surfaces, and at least first and second infrared devices for at least transmitting infrared signals, said first and second infrared devices located on at least two of said first, second, and third sides of said removable wireless input device.

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28. The input device of claim 25, wherein said removable wireless input device has a first mating connector and said base has a second mating connector, wherein said first mating connector and said second mating connector provide a

hardwired connection when said removable wireless input device is mounted into said base.

29. The input device of claim 25, wherein said removable wireless
5 keyboard has a power supply independent of said computer.

Sub A6 } 30. The input device of claim 29, wherein said power supply is an
external alternating current power adapter source.

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least one battery.

Sub D1 } 32. The input device of claim 31, wherein said at least one battery is
15 charged by said computer when said removable wireless keyboard is mounted
into said computer.

Sub C4 } 33. The input device of claim 25, further comprising at least one
retaining device for securing said removable wireless input device to said
computer.

20 Sub D1 } 34. The input device of claim 33, wherein said at least one retaining
device is a spring ball bearing.

5 35. A method of controlling a portable computer with an input device, said method comprising the acts of operating a controller within a base of said computer with an input device which generates operational signals to said controller when connected with said base as well as when physically separated from said base.

10 36. The method of claim 35, further comprising the act of transmitting said operational signals as light signals to said base when said input device is physically separated from said base.

15 37. The method of claim 35, further comprising the act of transmitting said operational signals to said base over a hardwired connection when said input device is connected with said base.

38. The method of claim 35, wherein said act of transmitting said operational signals as light signals is accomplished by transmitting infrared signals.

20 39. The method of claim 35, further comprising the act of supplying an independent power source to said input device.

40. The method of claim 39, further comprising the act of charging said independent power source when said input device is connected with said base.

41. The method of claim 35, further comprising the act of physically connecting said input device with said base.

5 42. The method of claim 41, wherein the act of physically connecting said input device with said base includes:

securing said input device within said base; and

signaling said computer that said input device is connected with said base.

10 43. The method of claim 35, further comprising the act of physically separating said input device from said base.

44. The method of claim 43, wherein the act of physically separating said input device from said base includes:

15 removing said input device from said base such that no physical connection remains; and

signaling said computer that said input device is physically separated from said base.

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